

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
21st Legislative Day
Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Representative POULIOT of Augusta assumed the Chair.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

Prayer by Father Frank Morin, St. Michael Parish, Augusta.

Colors presented by Franco American War Veterans' Color Guard, Post 31, Lewiston.

National Anthem by Melanie Saucier, Fort Kent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Joann Kaplan, M.D., Newcastle.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FREDETTE of Newport, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 667) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, MASON of Androscoggin)

**RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE HONORANT
LES FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS**

Considérant que, l'état du Maine est nommé après la province du Maine en France et que les villages de Paris et Calais portent les noms de la capitale de France et du port français de Calais, respectivement; et

Considérant que, plus d'un tiers de la population du Maine est de descendance française et canadienne, et les franco-américains du Maine ont contribué beaucoup à la beauté et la qualité de cet état; et

Considérant que, le français est la première langue de milliers de citoyens du Maine, et il y a eu une augmentation de l'utilisation de la langue française et une appréciation croissante de l'héritage franco-américain à travers l'état; et

Considérant que, des clubs et des associations pour promouvoir la culture et la langue française sont nés à travers l'état, y inclus le caucus francophone à la capitale; et

Considérant que, les gens qui parlent couramment le français et l'anglais sont une ressource économique et culturelle pour l'état du Maine; et

Considérant que, le tourisme culturel sera accru par les véritables centres franco-américains à travers l'état et la grande présence de franco-américains dans le Maine peut renforcer davantage nos relations avec le Canada, la France, et les autres pays francophones; et

Considérant que, le premier Jour Franco-Américain a été célébré mercredi, 6 mars, 2002, à la Capitale de l'État; maintenant, alors, qu'il soit

Résolu, que nous, les membres de la Cent-Vingt-septième Législature, assemblés dans la première session régulière, au nom des gens que nous représentons, proclamons que mercredi, 18 mars, 2015 est le Jour Franco-Américain, soit célébré à la Capitale de l'État; et qu'il soit aussi

Résolu, que le Jour Franco-Américain soit célébré pour commémorer la riche histoire du peuple français dans l'état du Maine et aux États-Unis d'Amérique.

JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING FRANCO-AMERICAN DAY

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is named after the Province of Maine in France, and the towns of Paris and Calais owe their names to the capital city of France and the French port city of Calais, respectively; and

WHEREAS, more than 1/3 of the population of Maine is of French and Canadian descent and Franco-Americans in Maine have contributed much to the beauty and quality of this State; and

WHEREAS, French is the primary language of thousands of Maine citizens and there has been a resurgence in the use of the French language and a heightened appreciation of the Franco-American heritage throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, clubs and organizations to promote French culture and language have sprung up throughout the State, including the Francophone Caucus at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, fluent French-English bilingual people are a cultural and economic resource to the State; and

WHEREAS, cultural tourism can be greatly enhanced by the genuine Franco-American centers throughout the State, and the large Franco-American presence in Maine can further strengthen our relationships with Canada, France and the rest of the francophone world; and

WHEREAS, the first Franco-American Day was celebrated on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, proclaim that Wednesday, March 18, 2015 is Franco-American Day, to be celebrated at the State Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Franco-American Day be celebrated to commemorate the rich history of the French people in the State of Maine and the United States of America.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Ladies and Gentlemen, just very quickly, Representative Hobbins spoke eloquently yesterday of his heritage here in the State of Maine, and his being Irish and the celebration of St. Paddy's day yesterday, a day of which I congratulate the good Representative from Saco.

As I was on the phone last night speaking to Representative Timberlake, he shared with me his wife's heritage as also of being of Franco-American heritage. And so, I think as we all look into ourselves and identify who we are as Americans, we all recognize that we all come from many great places.

At some point in time, from throughout this great world, but certainly for myself as I recognize my heritage going back to Quebec and Canada, certainly three or four generations later, very proud to be an American, but also very proud of my Franco-American heritage, and so I welcome the folks here from Canada, from the Console, and ask people to join us in celebrating a very special heritage day here in Maine. Thank you, Mr. President.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you very much, Monsieur Président. Men and Women of the House, it really is a pleasure to be part of this today, and it reminded me when we were asked by the press a little while ago what directions did we all come from, those of us of Franco descent. And of course there are people like myself on my father's side who are through France to Quebec City, then on my mother's side it's Nova Scotia to Maine,

and so those two intermingle together and what has made Maine what it is for the Franco community.

And, we are now, throughout the state, and many of you have intermarried with us and now you're part of the Franco community.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Joe Cyr, of Old Town, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Cyr is President and Chief Executive Officer of John T. Cyr & Sons, a bus company based in Old Town. He took the business his grandfather started and expanded it, adding many school districts to the bus service and creating Cyr Northstar Tours, a charter bus service. Mr. Cyr is also committed to the community. He has served as a director of the Maine Community Foundation and has been a board member of the Old Town/Orono YMCA, serving for 5 years as president of the board. We acknowledge Mr. Cyr's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame; (HLS 129)

Presented by Representative VEROW of Brewer.

Cosponsored by Representative LYFORD of Eddington, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, Senator DILL of Penobscot.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brewer, Representative Verow.

Representative **VEROW**: Merci, Monsieur le de Président. Monsieur le Président, Mademoiselles, Messieurs de la Chambre. I'm pleased to present this Resolution in recognition of one of our outstanding citizens from Maine, Joe Cyr.

Joe and I hail from the same neighborhood. I was born in Old Town, and I was raised for a short time in French Island, which was a community, an important part of Old Town. Looking at that community, we had La Bree's Bakery, we had Judge Jean Beaulieu, and we also had the Cyr Bus Line, which was started by Joe's family, his grandfather I believe. And throughout the years Joe and I have had connections, we attended Husson College together, and Joe has done a lot of community service for the whole area of Eastern Maine, and Maine itself. We know that the Cyr Bus Line, his busses can be found anywhere from Washington D.C. and further, as far as transporting the University of Maine teams, and he's gone beyond just school busses to the transportation business.

I'm pleased that Joe is able to be here with his daughter, Becky, and his son, Chris to recognize it. Joe was in Florida when I told him about this. He was very appreciative and very excited, and he caught a plane and came up from playing golf down there in sunny Florida to be with us. So, I think that speaks well to his feelings about the State of Maine.

So Joe, welcome to the House, and we're glad to induct you into our Hall of Fame. Merci beaucoup, Monsieur Président.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Roland Alfred Ouellette, of Chisholm, part of what is now the Town of Jay, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Ouellette grew up in Jay and graduated from Jay High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the First Army in the European Theater during World War II. He was wounded in battle and lost the use of his legs. That loss did not stop him from participating in the sports he loved. He began coaching with American Legion baseball. He led programs in the Farmington and the Livermore Falls-Jay areas. Mr. Ouellette was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002. In the 1970s, he began the Area Youth Sports program with a group of friends, which continues to offer many sports opportunities to the children of Jay, Livermore Falls and Livermore, and participated in the Summer Recreation Program in Jay for many years. In addition to his sports activities, he was active in local veterans organizations and the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife Barbara received the Knights of Columbus State Family of the Year Award and the New England Family of the Year Award. They were married in 1951 and were the proud parents of 7 children. Mr. Ouellette was also a recipient of the prestigious Jefferson Award for public service. We acknowledge Mr. Ouellette's service to his community and to the State, and we send to his family our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 130)

Presented by Representative GILBERT of Jay.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Jay, Representative Gilbert.

Representative **GILBERT**: Monsieur le Président, Mesdames et Messieur de la Chambre. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, May 8, 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. It is appropriate that we honor the memory of those who served our country in the years 1941 to 1945. It is also fitting that today, Franco American Day at the Legislature, we honor the memory of those Franco Americans who served our country in those war years. Roland Alfred Ouellette was one of them.

Roland was born September 30, 1923 in Chisholm, a village of immigrants and 1st generations Americans in Jay, Maine. He was the first born of eight children of Alfred and Annie Ouellette. As a teen he assisted his dad with the ice business, harvesting ice from the family pond in Jay and delivering ice to homes and businesses in the Jay/Livermore Falls area.

Following graduation from Jay High School in 1941, Roland briefly worked in the local paper mill and then enlisted in the United States Army as soon as he was old enough to do so.

He was assigned to the 95th Mortar Battalion which was part of the First Army, in support of its infantry. On Friday, April 13, 1945, while advancing toward Plettenberg, Germany, his unit was ambushed by a German mortar platoon. During the attack he was hit by shrapnel from mortar fire. The wound to his back severed his spine, paralyzing him from his hips down. Roland was cared for at several field hospitals, finally being treated at the First General Hospital in Paris. When he was stable enough for transfer back to the states, Roland spent two years at the Framingham General Hospital in Massachusetts where he recovered from his wounds and was rehabilitated. Roland spent the rest of his life as a paraplegic.

Following his return to Maine, Roland began to work at Norwalk Shoe in North Jay, then he was then hired as a supervisor at Livermore Shoe where he was employed until health issues related to his injuries caused him to resign.

A few years after returning from the hospital to Jay, Roland met and married Barbara Jalbert, a nurse at Franklin Memorial Hospital. They were the proud parents of seven children. Each one is a graduate of the University of Maine system and each one married, worked and raised their children here in Maine.

Although his health forced an early retirement from full-time employment, Roland was a person who kept busy. He spent countless hours volunteering in many efforts in his community of Jay as well as the surrounding communities, most of those connected with the youth of the area.

Roland loved sports. In high school he excelled in baseball, football and basketball. His favorite was baseball, and he often spoke of his time playing baseball in the military. He had hopes of playing professional baseball upon his discharge from the military, as he had been scouted while playing in the military leagues.

People in the region remember Roland most for his involvement with sports programs for the youth of the area. Roland began his coaching with American Legion Baseball. He led programs in Farmington and the Livermore Falls/Jay area. He also started a little league team in Farmington and in Chisholm and coached the Chisholm Tigers little league team for many years, instilling his love of baseball in hundreds of children in the area.

It was not unusual to see Roland on the mound pitching batting practice from his wheelchair to anyone who showed up or to see him hitting grounders and fly balls to any boy or girl who wanted to practice their fielding skills.

In addition to his coaching, he was the volunteer "groundskeeper" at the area ball fields, making sure the infields were smooth, the grass was mowed, the bases were on, and the ball fields were lined up according to regulation. He taught many young people how a ball field should be groomed since they not only got to play ball but had to help with the maintenance of their fields. The baseball field at Spruce Mountain High School was dedicated to him and named the Roland Ouellette Baseball Field. As a testament to his dedication to the sport of baseball, Roland was inducted to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Roland loved sports and he loved kids. He was also involved with local basketball and football programs. In the 1970s he was instrumental in developing the Area Youth Sports program, AYS. This program continues today, offering a multitude of sports opportunities for the children of Jay, Livermore Falls, and Livermore.

Even though most people who knew Roland connected him to athletics in some way, Roland's love for his community, his state, and his country was evident in other sports. He could often be found doing service for one of the local veterans' organizations or for the Knights of Columbus. He spearheaded the Summer Recreation Program in Jay for many years. It was while he was directing the Jay Recreation Program that the tennis courts in Jay were built. He spent many summers working with underprivileged youth of the community, volunteering his time and often his tools as he taught these young people the value of listening to others, following directions, working together, and then developing each of their unique talents.

Roland was also active in the move to provide handicapped accessibility in the state of Maine, serving on a governor's task force along with other disabled Mainers.

Roland Ouellette was a person who gave of his time and energy to make the lives of others better. He taught by example.

He and Barbara received the Knights of Columbus State Family of the Year award and the New England Family of the Year award. Roland was also a Jefferson Award winner.

Roland passed at 80 years old on September 8, 2004, leaving a lasting legacy: to love God, to help others, to do your best, and to work hard at whatever task is before you. I am honored to have known Roland Ouellette.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Maurice Pelletier, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Pelletier is a veteran of the United States Air Force and worked for 28 years at the Veterans Administration Center at Togus, where he became a Lead Health Benefit Advisor and received numerous awards. After his retirement, he continued to serve veterans, working part-time as a volunteer Driver Coordinator for the Disabled American Veterans until December 2005. Currently, he volunteers at MaineGeneral Medical Center in Augusta. He is a 48-year member of Le Club Calumet and has served as the club's president. He is also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of St. Michael Catholic Parish and a founder of the Friends for a Heritage Center at Mill Park, a group that contributes to the preservation and advancement of the State's history and culture. We acknowledge Mr. Pelletier's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 131)

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro, Senator KATZ of Kennebec, Representative DOORE of Augusta.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Doore.

Representative **DOORE**: Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am proud to rise here today to recognize an outstanding Franco American from our Capitol City.

Maurice Pelletier, known by many in Augusta as "Mo Pelletier," was the 68th President of Le Club Calumet. He currently serves on a committee to preserve the history of French-Canadian men and women who came to Augusta in the late 19th century to work in the Edwards Cotton Mill.

Augusta's Maurice Pelletier is also a patriot. He served his country in the military and continued with a career at Togus V.A. and upon retiring he volunteered by driving the D.A.V. van.

Thank you Maurice "Mo" Pelletier for all you have done, and all you are still doing for our Capitol City, Augusta. Thank you, Mr. President.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Joseph Donald Cyr, of Lille, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. A historian by education and work experience, Mr. Cyr has been at the forefront of efforts to preserve and promote Acadian culture. He has taught many college-level courses on Acadian history and folklore and French Canadian folklore. He was cataloguer and restoration specialist

at the Acadian Village in Van Buren and restoration specialist of the Albert House at the Tante Blanche Museum in Madawaska. He worked with the National Park Service in implementing the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act. Active in several major projects, he has raised more than \$3,100,000 in grants for the restoration of the former Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel church and rectory in Lille. A collector of Acadian artifacts, he has amassed more than 300 pieces of handmade Acadian furniture and smaller artifacts, the largest such collection in the country. We acknowledge Mr. Cyr's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 132)

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, Representative LONG of Sherman, Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, Representative McELWEE of Caribou, Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle, Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Representative WHITE of Washburn, Senator EDGECOMB of Aroostook, Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, whenever you turn to Aroostook or you come to Aroostook for the first time, one of the places you need to go is to Lille, a small section of part of the community of Grand Isle.

It's interesting, because you know when people say a person can't do much, a person can't do something, I want you all to think about what Don Cyr has been able to do. And the old Catholic church which was abandoned, decided to take it over, and he has raised over \$3 million dollars in order to refurbish the church.

It is an unbelievable piece of history that we would've lost if it had not been for Don, because no one else wanted to take on the challenge. A few people tried and gave up. And Don came in and said, "I'm going to do it." And we all said, "Okay, we're going to help, but we can't help you very much." And he said, "Don't worry about it. I will do it."

And if you want to see some artifact of Franco Acadian history, go to the church and you will see it there. Because I don't know of any other way, or any other person that would accomplish what he did. And so, I want to say by the way, that we tried to get him to do this before today, but he really said, "Oh no no no no. Let someone else."

Well, this year, between the Representative of Sinclair and myself, we were able to twist his arm sufficiently, and he was willing to accept it, and we're very happy to have him here today to accept the award. Congratulations.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Jorgensen.

Representative **JORGENSEN**: Merci, Monsieur le Président. I wanted to add my congratulations and acknowledgment of the many contributions of Don Cyr, whose distinguished work as a teacher, as an historian, as a preservationist has benefitted not just the residents of Lille and the St. John Valley, but the entire state.

Don's work with the University of Maine, his work with the Maine Humanities Council, Maine Preservation, and other organizations has absolutely been pivotal in helping us all understand Maine's Acadian and Franco American heritage.

It's been an honor to know, and have had the privilege of working with Don over the years, and I was thrilled to see his name on the list of today's honorees. And, if you've never visited Notre Dame du Mont Carmel in Lille, it's magnificent cultural center. It's truly magnificent. It's worth every mile of the very long drive required for most of us to get there, so congratulations to Don.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

George A. "Pete" Lamontagne, Jr., of Biddeford, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Lamontagne served in the United States Army and was stationed with the Adjutant General's staff in France. He worked for over 3 decades at the Westpoint textile mill, until the mill's closure in 2009. He was a leader in the UNITE HERE Local 305T, at one time serving as union president. He helped found the Biddeford Mills Museum and personally restored a missing plaque commemorating 200 mill employees who fought in World War II. Mr. Lamontagne served 5 terms on the Biddeford City Council, including one term as Council President. We acknowledge Mr. Lamontagne's service to his community and to the State, and we send him our congratulations on the occasion of his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 133)

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York, Representative SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **FECTEAU**: Monsieur le Président, Mesdames et Messieurs de la Chambre. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to recognize George Lamontagne, better known to those of us back home in Biddeford, as "Pete." I first met Pete when I was 16 years old a long, long time ago. I was the Student Representative on the Biddeford School Committee and Pete was serving as the President of the City Council.

And, for my brief time in those years, having known Pete, serving on the School Committee, it was easy to recognize that Pete was always the center of the scale; always willing to be a voice of reason and compromise, and able to bridge two parties on opposing sides together to produce progress for the city.

And, obviously, a number of the things that were said in the sentiment I won't repeat, but I will recognize the work that Pete is currently doing with Biddeford Mills Museum as a founding member. As you probably know Biddeford and its textile mills have undergone a great deal of renovation and a rebirth of sorts with many, many businesses now located in the textile mills.

And, for me, it's personal. My dad and grandparents moved to Maine in 1964, they moved to Biddeford. My dad and my mémé and pépé, and my dad worked in the mills until about the time of the closure as well. And what Pete is doing, and his colleagues on the Biddeford Mills Museum, is important work. They're carving out spaces in those mills so those of us, like myself, who have a deep attachment to the mills through our parents and grandparents are able to recognize the history and the significance of what that means to our city, and why so many

people decide to locate and move to Biddeford over many, many years.

And I think what's most important about what Pete is doing, is he's including youth. There's so many young people that are involved in what's happening at Biddeford Mills Museum, and that's because of Pete and some of his colleagues in recognizing the significance of having those of us who are a little younger, like myself, in on the fold. So, I have to really say that it's a great honor for me to be standing here today and recognizing someone that I admire as truly a leader of our city; someone who has done extraordinary work in his lifetime and has much more left on his plate to continue to inspire and improve our city, and most importantly preserve a history that is deeply important to so many of us. So thank you, and thank you, Pete for being here today.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Hobbins.

Representative **HOBBINS**: Merci, Monsieur Président, It gives me great pleasure and honor to rise today, as did my colleague, many, many semesters younger than me from the City of Biddeford who represents the City of Biddeford, Representative Fecteau. I have known Pete Lamontagne all of my life.

I am proud to say that my mémé and my uncle worked at the Pepperell Mills and Pete was not only a leader in the City of Biddeford as a City Councilor, as someone, a go-to person, someone who really, his heart and soul was in the historical background of the City of Biddeford; his cultural pride is very evident. And, anyone who has talked to Pete Lamontagne, or dealt with him, in the years of leadership, both at the municipal level, at the state level, as a union leader, but as a friend, knows what a wonderful person he is and what he has done for the culture of Biddeford and for the culture of my home area of York County.

And, so it gives me great pride to stand here to say that this award that he's receiving is one that has great pride not only to his family and to the City of Biddeford, but all of the Franco Community, which even though I was, good Representative from Newport, our minority leader mentioned, Representative Fredette, of my Irish heritage, and I am very much proud of my one quarter French heritage, but Pete Lamontagne, quite frankly, is a person that is stellar in our community, and I congratulate him and his family.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Doris Belisle-Bonneau, of Auburn, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Belisle-Bonneau serves on the Board of Directors for the Franco American Collection at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston/Auburn College, represents Franco American interests on the L/A Advisory Committee and co-chairs the Academic Affairs Committee. Since 2003 she has volunteered at D'Youville Pavilion in Lewiston with a focus on serving the French-speaking residents. She co-created and developed the Maine French Heritage Language Program under the auspices of the Franco Center and the University of Maine at Augusta. The program provides an after-school culture and language program for students from kindergarten to grade 6 and is currently active in Augusta and Lewiston. We acknowledge Ms. Belisle-Bonneau's service to her community and to the State, and we send her our congratulations on the occasion of her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

(HLS 134)

Presented by Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn. Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative SAWICKI of Auburn, Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Monsieur le Président, Mesdames et Messieurs de la Chambre. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's such an honor to recognize the work and life of Doris Belisle-Bonneau, who has devoted her life as an educator to passionate, enthusiastic and tireless advocacy for the preservation and promotion of Franco culture and language.

Doris is richly deserving of the honor being bestowed on her today with her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. The sentiment that was just read calls attention to her many notable accomplishments, which speak for themselves.

I do want to call attention this morning to another honor that's being bestowed on Ms. Belisle-Bonneau. She is being inducted into the Ordre des Palmes Académiques, the Order of Academic Palms, which is an Order of Chivalry of France for distinguished academics and figures in the world of culture and education. Originally a decoration founded by Emperor Napoléon, in honor of eminent members of the University of Paris, it was changed into its current form as an Order in 1955 by President René Coty.

The early Palmes Académiques was instituted on March 17, 1808, and was bestowed only upon teachers and professors. In 1866, the scope of the award was widened to include major contributions to French national education and culture made by anyone, including foreigners.

This is a significant honor for Ms. Belisle-Bonneau, and for all of us in Maine, I would add. We extend our warmest congratulations to her and thank her for the extraordinary work which she continues to do, and which continues to enrich our entire state. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 299)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2015 AS SELF-CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, self-care is a lifelong daily habit of healthy lifestyle choices, good hygiene practices, prevention of infection and illness, avoiding unhealthy choices, monitoring for signs and symptoms of changes in health and knowing when to consult a health care practitioner and knowing when it is appropriate to self-treat conditions; and

WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration has determined that over-the-counter medicines are safe and effective for the self-care treatment of minor acute and chronic health conditions and symptoms, such as pain, the common cold, allergies and other conditions that affect large segments of the population; and

WHEREAS, over-the-counter medicines are either developed as new nonprescription medicines or switched from existing prescription medicines; and

WHEREAS, over-the-counter medicines are self-care products that consumers purchase in pharmacies, supermarkets, retail stores and online; and

WHEREAS, each dollar spent on over-the-counter medicines saves the United States health care system \$6 to \$7 each year, totaling \$102 billion in annual savings; and

WHEREAS, over-the-counter medicines help to ease the burden on health care practitioners, eliminating unnecessary medical examinations that could be avoided with appropriate self-care; and

WHEREAS, the State benefits when its citizens practice appropriate self-care and do not unnecessarily visit health care practitioners and are empowered by higher self-esteem, improved health and reduced use of health care services; and

WHEREAS, people of the State are encouraged to take advantage of self-care's potential to improve personal and public health, save personal and public treasury and strengthen the sustainability of our health care system; and

WHEREAS, achieving self-care's potential is a shared opportunity for consumers, health care practitioners, policymakers and regulators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2015 as Self-care Month in Maine and that we recognize the importance of improving awareness of self-care and the value it represents to the citizens of this State, and that we support increased consumer empowerment through the development of new over-the-counter medicines and the appropriate switch of certain prescription medicines to over-the-counter medicines, we acknowledge that over-the-counter medicines can greatly improve and reduce costs to the public health system, and we encourage consumers, health care practitioners, policymakers and regulators to communicate the benefits of self-care.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hymanson.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Men and Women of the House, I will not be raising my hand in support of this Resolution, the Joint Resolution recognizing February 2015 as Self Care Month. This is a Resolution forced forward by industry sponsors, the Nonprescription Manufacturers Association, ordered to promote their narrow self-interest to promote over the counter medications.

While there are other phrases I find I cannot support, I bring your attention to cost increases not factored into cost savings of expanding over the counter medication availability. That is the expense of unexpected side effects of mixing and matching medications, and an imperfect knowledge of reasonable, safe self-medical care. I ask you to vote this down. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wind Energy Development Permitting"

(H.P. 540) (L.D. 791)

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in the House on March 10, 2015.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Enhance Equity and Efficiency for Off-track Betting Facilities"

(H.P. 572) (L.D. 838)

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in the House on March 12, 2015.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Improve Regulatory Consistency within the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission"

(H.P. 562) (L.D. 828)

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in the House on March 10, 2015.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Ensure That Laws Governing Hunting and Fishing Are Not Subject to the Citizen Petition Process

(H.P. 507) (L.D. 754)

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in the House on March 10, 2015.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit the Application of a Citizen Initiative Concerning Wildlife Matters to Counties in Which It Is Approved

(H.P. 571) (L.D. 837)

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in the House on March 10, 2015.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 133)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 17, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Brian Whitney of Augusta for appointment as the Maine Technology Institute Director.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of

Honorable Ellen A. Gorman of Falmouth for reappointment as a Supreme Judicial Court Justice.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of

Honorable Mary Michaela Murphy of Rome for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

The following Bills and Resolve were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law"

(H.P. 686) (L.D. 991)

Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, HILL of York.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Create the Crime of Operating While Fatigued"

(H.P. 683) (L.D. 988)

Sponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Provide Compensation to a Corrections Officer Injured by a Patient or Prisoner"

(H.P. 671) (L.D. 974)

Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, DION of Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HOBBS of Saco, KINNEY of Limington, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senators: PATRICK of Oxford, VALENTINO of York.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Establish a Veterinary School"

(H.P. 678) (L.D. 981)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebec, BATES of Westbrook, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CHENETTE of Saco, COOPER of Yarmouth, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DAVITT of Hampden, DEVIN of Newcastle, DOORE of Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FOWLE of Vassalboro, FREY of Bangor, GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, GILBERT of Jay, GRANT of Gardiner, HERBIG of Belfast, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HOBBS of Saco, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, JORGENSEN of Portland, KRUGER of Thomaston, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, NADEAU of Winslow, NOON of Sanford, POWERS of Naples, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SANBORN of Gorham, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHAW of Standish, TEPLER of Topsham, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Align Maine's School Marketing Law with Current Federal Food Standards"

(H.P. 680) (L.D. 985)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Bill "An Act To Regulate Standards of Service for Mobile Telecommunications Services and Broadband Services"

(H.P. 687) (L.D. 992)

Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLACK of Wilton, DeCHANT of Bath, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Improve Child Care in the State"

(H.P. 674) (L.D. 977)

Sponsored by Representative FREY of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HAMANN of South Portland, HERRICK of Paris, McELWEE of Caribou, PICKETT of Dixfield, POULIOT of Augusta, SANBORN of Gorham, STUCKEY of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Use of Extended-release Hydrocodone Bitartrate"

(H.P. 684) (L.D. 989)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, EVANGELOS of Friendship.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act Regarding Travel Insurance in the Maine Insurance Code"

(H.P. 672) (L.D. 975)

Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FOLEY of Wells, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, SANDERSON of Chelsea, Senator: HASKELL of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Promote Patient Choice and Access to Health Care"

(H.P. 675) (L.D. 978)

Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of Waterville, BROOKS of Lewiston, CAMPBELL of Orrington, FOWLE of Vassalboro, MELARAGNO of Auburn, Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens on Motor Vehicle Dealer-to-dealer Transactions"

(H.P. 673) (L.D. 976)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Resolve, To Provide for Workforce Development in the Forest Products Industry

(H.P. 676) (L.D. 979)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, GIDEON of Freeport, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LONG of Sherman, McCABE of Skowhegan, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Dispensing of Eyeglasses with an Expired Prescription"

(H.P. 679) (L.D. 984)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GREENWOOD of Wales, HOBART of Bowdoinham, LONG of Sherman, PICKETT of Dixfield, STETKIS of Canaan, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIMMONS of Cumberland.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Nicotine Products Are Taxed Equally"

(H.P. 670) (L.D. 973)

Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.

Bill "An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 677) (L.D. 980)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOODE of Bangor, McCABE of Skowhegan, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Suspend the Right of an Out-of-state Toll Violator To Operate a Motor Vehicle on Maine Roads"

(H.P. 682) (L.D. 987)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Streamline Certain Regulations on Small Distilleries"

(H.P. 681) (L.D. 986)

Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GIDEON of Freeport, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, VEROW of Brewer.

Bill "An Act To Limit Agency Expenditures To Influence Elections"

(H.P. 685) (L.D. 990)

Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Nonpartisan Election of County Officials"

(H.P. 669) (L.D. 972)

Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, COREY of Windham, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MAKER of Calais, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: WILLETTE of Aroostook.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative SCHNECK of Bangor, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative VEROW of Brewer, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 668)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, 2,400,000 Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year; and

WHEREAS, a traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in a third of all injury-related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries are largely the result of motor vehicle crashes, falls, assaults or sports-related or occupation-related accidents; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their families; and

WHEREAS, an injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, early, equal and adequate access to care can greatly increase the overall quality of life for those people with traumatic brain injury and can enable them to return to home, school, work and the community; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of our citizens with traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of America offers education and support to families and to individuals with traumatic brain injury to achieve community integration and to help individuals with traumatic brain injury live as independently as possible; and

WHEREAS, March has been designated as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote public awareness of the prevention, causes, consequences, treatment and extent of traumatic brain injuries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2015 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Maine.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brewer, Representative Verow.

Representative **VEROW**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Joint Resolution that I have presented, yesterday there was distributed to the desk, an orange two-sided copy regarding brain injury in Maine, which was produced by Alpha One. And I hope you had a chance to read that.

But, I do want to speak on this Joint Resolution. Speaking on this Joint, this is a rather personal matter for me. In 1959, I was in an automobile accident and received a serious head injury. That injury was followed by a long period of what I called a period of "arrested development," both physically and mentally.

I was not wearing a seatbelt at the time; these were not standard equipment in the vehicles then. Had I been wearing a seatbelt, I would have been spared the traumatic head injury. Since the majority of head injuries result from automobile accidents, this Joint Resolution is important to call attention to the importance of wearing seatbelts, and I would also add, also wearing helmets and other restraints when you're on a bicycle or snowmobile, other activities.

So, I respectfully, helmets and others say they can prevent head injuries and save lives. I respectfully request unanimous support for this Joint Resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Funding for Teacher Retirement"

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 60)

Signed:

Senator:

MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor

DAUGHTRY of Brunswick

FARNSWORTH of Portland

HUBBELL of Bar Harbor

PIERCE of Falmouth

STEARNS of Guilford

TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock

EDGEComb of Aroostook

Representatives:

MAKER of Calais

McCLELLAN of Raymond

POULIOT of Augusta

On motion of Representative KORNFELD of Bangor, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, March 19, 2015.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments"

(H.P. 123) (L.D. 165)

Signed:

Senators:

WILLETTE of Aroostook

LIBBY of Androscoggin

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair

BABBIDGE of Kennebunk

BRYANT of Windham

DOORE of Augusta

GREENWOOD of Wales

PICKETT of Dixfield

TUELL of East Machias

TURNER of Burlington

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

EVANGELOS of Friendship

NADEAU of Winslow

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 36) (L.D. 38) Bill "An Act To Allow Sufficient Time for Implementation of the Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth System for Educators" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 128) (L.D. 170) Bill "An Act To Remove the 180-day Active Duty Requirement for the Property Tax Exemption for Vietnam Veterans" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**

(H.P. 167) (L.D. 235) Bill "An Act To Adjust Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of the Department of Education, the Maine Arts Commission and the Maine State Museum and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)**

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H.P. 14) (L.D. 11) Bill "An Act To Exempt the Sale of the United States Flag from the Sales Tax" (C. "A" H-11)

(H.P. 56) (L.D. 62) Bill "An Act To Require Notice to Municipal Officers of Violations of Emergency Medical Services Law and Rule" (C. "A" H-13)

(H.P. 170) (L.D. 238) Bill "An Act To Extend the Period of Time for Persons Who Purchase Special Fuel and Gasoline for Off-highway Use To Apply for the Special Fuel and Gasoline Tax Refunds" (C. "A" H-12)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING

House as Amended

Resolve, To Study the Use of Social Impact Bonds as a Funding Mechanism for Public Education Programs in Maine
(H.P. 285) (L.D. 418)

(C. "A" H-10)

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Provide an Exemption from Sales Tax and Service Provider Tax to Nonprofit Collaboratives of Libraries

(S.P. 14) (L.D. 13)

(C. "A" S-1)

An Act To Reduce Registration Fees and Excise Taxes for For-hire Vehicles with Adaptive Equipment Enabling Access by Persons with Disabilities

(H.P. 42) (L.D. 48)

An Act To Reduce the Time within Which a Challenge to a Tax Lien Foreclosure May Be Filed

(H.P. 58) (L.D. 64)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Permit the Use of Firearm Noise Suppression Devices in Hunting and To Provide for a Chief Law Enforcement Officer's Certification for Certain Firearms"

(S.P. 333) (L.D. 942)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

TABLED - March 17, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

PENDING - REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative POULIOT of Augusta, the House adjourned at 11:01 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2015.